

# BIG NEW 14-INCH RIFLE SHATTERS ITS OWN SIGHTS

Huge Weapon at De Russey Puts Itself Out of Commission; Old Gun Shoots O. K.

Because the terrific concussion shattered the delicate cross wires in its telescopic sight, one of the two 14-inch coast defense rifles at Fort De Russey was put out of commission this morning when annual target practice was held. The big rifle could shoot, but with disabled sights it was not considered advisable to use it.

After the first trial shot today of the new 14-inch gun installed in the fort last year it was found its concussion had shattered the vertical wire in its telescopic sights.

New wires were quickly placed in the gun's sights, but after another shot they, also, were found shattered, so the gun could not be used. The shells which were to have been fired by the new gun, No. 1, were transferred to the other 14-inch gun, No. 2, and practice completed.

A "fix" seems to be following the new gun, because it is the same weapon which blew out its breech block during proving practice at the Sandy Hook, N. Y., proving grounds, when it was received from the factory for testing before shipment to Honolulu. The accident at that time resulted in fatal injury of several of the gun crew.

Mechanically the new gun worked today in a perfectly satisfactory manner, but by twice shattering its sights it was put out of commission for the day. According to officers of Fort De Russey the accident is one which could happen to any gun at any time, and does not indicate any defect in the huge weapon. De Russey has no 14-inch rifles.

Each shot fired this morning by the big 14-inch gun represents an expense of \$275. The shell, weighing 600 pounds, and being of cast-iron, costs \$55 and the powder \$220. There were three practice shots and seven record shots fired by Battery Randolph, as the 14-inch two-gun battery is named. They were fired at a range of 12,000 yards.

Battery Dudley, the two 6-inch disappearing rifles, held excellent practice, with no trouble of any kind. Only one of the two 6-inch rifles was fired. Smoke screens were used with the gun, each shot leaving a trail of blue smoke making its progress toward the target plainly visible to the naked eye.

## PHYSICAL EXERCISE CURE FOR INSOMNIA

VIENNA, Austria.—A well-known Austrian physician, Dr. Epstein, claims the discovery of a physical exercise that will cure insomnia. As explained in the Physician and Diet Therapeutics Journal, the cure consists of the simple process of grasping with both hands the head, head or rail of the bed and of straining upward until the arm and shoulder muscles are fatigued.

Sleeplessness in most cases is caused by irregular blood circulation in the brain, Dr. Epstein explains. This comes to pass because of the slight difference in altitude between the head and the heart when one is lying down. By raising the arms and straining upward, the physician claims, the flow of the blood to the head is increased, while at the same time a certain degree of fatigue aids in getting to sleep.

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# REMAND KUHLO CASE BACK TO CIRCUIT COURT

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error was emphasized by the fact that the circuit judge while expressly declining to make a finding as to the queen's present status or condition, permitted the guardian ad litem, who could have a standing in court only in case the queen be in fact incompetent, to file an answer and cross bill averring her incapacity, the legal effort of which was to supplant her former assertion of competency.

Regarding the right of Kuhlo to maintain the suit, the decision says: "We think it is clear, therefore, that Kalaniana'ole, as sole complainant, may not maintain the suit since he has no interest in the subject matter. Having gone this far, we are compelled to go further. We believe that some of the mistakes which have been made in this case have resulted from an error made by this court. In discharging the temporary writ of prohibition which the queen had sued out, we held—and properly so—that the bill of complaint did not aver insanity on the part of the queen, but mental weakness and undue influence which presupposes mental competency.

"But we erred in holding that the queen was therefore entitled to discontinue the suit as she had done. The writ was properly discharged since the circuit judge was not proceeding without jurisdiction, but our reasoning did not reach the root of the matter.

"The charge was not of mental competency, but of a weakened mind which had been, and is being, subjected to the domination of the said respondents. It was not enough to say that the presumption of sanity or mental competency prevailed in favor of the queen, for if, at the time this suit was instituted, she, though sane, was still subject to the same domination under which it is averred, she executed the deed of trust, and was not a free agent, the suit could be brought and maintained in her name and behalf by a next friend appointed by the court.

"Although the 'Assertion of Mental Competency' filed by the queen seemed to assume that mental incompetency was averred in the bill, as counsel for Kalaniana'ole has contended it was, that paper and the 'Objection and Protest' filed by her sufficiently challenged the averments of existing undue influence and control on the part of Iaukea and Domala, and lack of free agency on the part of the queen, so as to raise an immediate issue in regard to the queen's condition and status at the time of the filing of the bill.

"And in this connection we may state that Kalaniana'ole was not an improper person to act as next friend of the queen on the ground of having supposed adverse interest.

"The appointment of Mr. Andrews as guardian ad litem was not authorized as the facts upon which the authority of the court to make such an appointment depended were in controversy and remained undetermined. The answer and cross bill filed by the guardian ad litem should have been stricken from the record."

In conclusion the decision says: "The circuit judge may entertain an application by some one asking leave to act as next friend of the queen for the purpose of having her reinstated as the complainant in the case under the original bill and, in that event, the question as to her present status and right to control the suit, or whether a next friend should be appointed for her, should be heard preliminarily."

The Federal Government has placed an order with Studebaker & Co., for wagons worth \$4,000,000.

# DECISIONS ARE HANDED DOWN IN SUGAR APPEALS

Kauai Board Decides Cases of G. & R., H. S., Also McBryde Plantations

Decisions in three important Kauai sugar plantation tax appeal cases have been rendered by the tax appeal court of the fourth taxation division, Kauai, and were made public today by Attorney-General I. M. Stainback. The decisions are signed by Charles S. Dole, E. H. W. Broadbent and J. H. Morange, members of the tax appeal board.

In the first decision, Gay & Robinson, the tax assessor is upheld, and an assessed valuation of \$800,000, his figures, is placed on the plantation's holdings. The company contended its rightful valuation to be only \$500,000.

In the appeal of the Hawaiian Sugar Company, the taxpayer is upheld. The company's valuation of \$4,250,000 is sustained against the \$4,500,000 claimed by the assessor.

McBryde Sugar Company's decision in a way "spits the difference" between the assessor's and the company's contentions. Its assessed valuation is determined as \$2,500,000, against the company's claim of \$2,000,000, and the assessor's valuation of \$3,000,000.

In the McBryde decision, the appeal board holds that its reason is the plantation last year was assessed at \$1,658,823, and a jump of a million and a half dollars in a year is hardly justified even though the outlook is promising.

Concerning Gay & Robinson, the board holds that its average rentals received from land leased to the Hawaiian Sugar Company have been \$62.69 for the last four years, and that this amount is almost 8 per cent on a valuation of \$800,000.

# NAME WARSHIP FOR HAWAII, IS REQUEST MADE

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too, Mr. Secretary, we are a full-fledged territory, and no precedents, as I understand it, would be broken. And in this particular the naming of one of these vessels after our territory would be a recognition of what our people have long strenuously contended for, namely, that we are a territory and not a possession.

May I be allowed for the moment to touch slightly on the sentimental side of the question. In 1898 Hawaii was annexed to the United States, largely by reason of its value from a naval standpoint. Amongst the natives, to whom the word "Hawaii" meant everything, annexation was not altogether popular, but as the years have rolled by the American form of government has come to be more fully understood, the Hawaiian people have come to recognize that annexation is a blessing and not a curse. That recognition has borne fruit, for I venture to say that nowhere on Continental United States can be found a people more loyal to the government than are the Hawaiians. In the event of difficulty there would be no laggards. The naming of one of our vessels after the islands they loved would be treated by them as a grateful recognition of their loyalty; would be boasted of by them and always mentioned with pride. Perhaps, too, in this matter of sentiment the people of the mainland might become better educated as to Hawaii and show a greater appreciation of our attitude than their present limited knowledge affords us.

This letter is written by me without consultation with any of the officials of Hawaii, or with the delegate to Congress, and as is set forth above, dictated by my love for Hawaii and what appears to me to be sound considerations. I have no doubt, however, that the delegate in Congress, and every official of the territory, will join heartily in the suggestion.

Trusting that what I have said will receive due consideration and that the name "Hawaii" will probably be borne by one of the ships under construction, I am, Very respectfully yours, ABIGAIL PRINCESS DAVID KAWANAKOHA, of Hawaii.

## DUTCH FISHERMEN PROSPER

VLAARDINGEN, Netherlands.—Although the real herring fishing season has not yet begun, Dutch fishermen are already reaping a golden harvest as a result of the absence of the German and a large part of the British fishing fleets from the North Sea and of the enormously high prices obtained in Germany for the catches. One fortunate man has brought in a catch of herring estimated at a value of \$14,000, or three times as much as its owners make in the whole of a normal year. The great bulk of the exports goes to Germany.

# FROM YESTERDAY'S LAST EDITION

WILSON WILL NOT MAKE EXTENDED CANVASS. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—It is understood here that President Wilson will not make any extended canvass of the country in his campaign for reelection to the office of chief executive, but will limit his public appearances to places where he has been specially invited to speak.

CONFEREES AGREE ON NAVAL ITEMS. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—The house today adopted all the amendments to the naval appropriation bill agreed on by the senate and house conferees, and immediately proceeded to vote on the big building program and the increase of personnel, which evidently the conference was unable to settle amicably. The speedy passage of the bill is predicted.

ACCUSE HUGHES OF WAVING BLOODY SHIRT. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—In the upper chamber, Senator Hardwick of Georgia, replying to Candidate Charles E. Hughes' reference to the preponderance of Southern members as chairmen of committees, accused Hughes of "waving a bloody shirt to stir up sectional prejudices."

UTILITIES COMMISSION POSTPONES MEETING. Because Chairman Charles R. Forbes, who returned this morning from the mainland, was too busy with other matters to attend, the public utilities commission has postponed its weekly meeting to 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. It was to have been held this afternoon.

NAGASAKI HAS 40 CHOLERA CASES IN DAY. (Special cable to Hawaii Shippo).

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 15.—Cholera has spread all over the prefectures of Nagasaki, Kumamoto and Kanagawa. At Nagasaki, 40 new cases of the dreadful disease were reported, and other districts have been visited by the malady. More than 50 patients have already been taken to the quarantine.

# MURDER CHARGE AGAINST GOMES MAY BE DROPPED

Prosecuting Attorney Charles F. Chillingworth stated this morning that the charge of first degree murder against John Gomes, said to have been responsible for the death of his wife in the insane asylum, will probably be dismissed at the hearing, set for Thursday, on account of Dr. L. L. Patterson's statement that the woman died from over-exhaustion, due to insanity.

Several weeks ago Gomes was found guilty by Judge Monsarrat of assaulting his wife. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Gomes was taken to the insane asylum in a demented condition. Soon after she died and Gomes was arrested on an accusation of inflicting the blows that finally resulted in her death.

According to Dr. Patterson, superintendent of the asylum, the blows were not responsible for the death, and therein lay all the prosecution's alleged incriminating evidence.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Mrs. H. E. Palmer, owner. Location, Court Hotel, Waikiki-makai corner of Beretania and Punchbowl streets. O. Muramoto, building. Estimated cost, \$175.

Mrs. H. A. Swift, owner. Location, Kalihi, Ewa side of Receiving Station road, 600 feet makai from King street. Dwelling. T. Suzuki, builder and architect. Estimated cost \$865.

C. H. Brown, owner. Location, makai side of East Manoa road. Garage. M. Ohta, builder. Estimated cost, \$125.

A mixture of linseed oil, slaked lime and cotton fibre is used in some portions of Turkey as a substitute for cement.

# FILIPINO SHOT BY WOMAN SURE SHE ENCOURAGED

Alejandro Castro, the Filipino shot at Waipahu yesterday by Eleanor Rojas, is still living and according to a telephone report from Manager E. K. Bull of the Oahu plantation he has some chance to recover. The woman will be held pending his recovery.

Statements have been obtained by McMurtrie from both Castro and Rojas which are practically identical to the story in the Star-Bulletin Tuesday.

Castro says she flirted with him and followed up with a bullet when he responded.

The woman, on the other hand, claims he came into her room, uninvited, and attempted to assault her. She fired when he clutched her.

A Filipino woman in the Waipahu hospital, who knew the Rojas woman in the Philippines, says the latter is partially demented.

Captain McMurtrie, accompanied by interpreters, went to Waipahu yesterday afternoon to obtain a statement from Castro in case he should die.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Kewhi Kumanu, Hawaiian..... 35  
Walakina Kaahue, Hawaiian..... 22  
Gabriel Papaia, Jr., Hawaiian..... 22  
Alice M. Makalena, Hawaiian..... 18

A. W. Stern, proprietor of a paper box factory at San Francisco, and three friends were killed there when their auto was struck by a Southern Pacific train.

Consul General George H. Murphy, at Cape Town, South Africa, reports under date of June 2, that the Orient Company announces a new four-weekly steamship service between England and Australia via the Cape of Good Hope.

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- "Pres-Cut" Punch Bowl, Colonial design, formerly \$6.00, now ..... \$3.00
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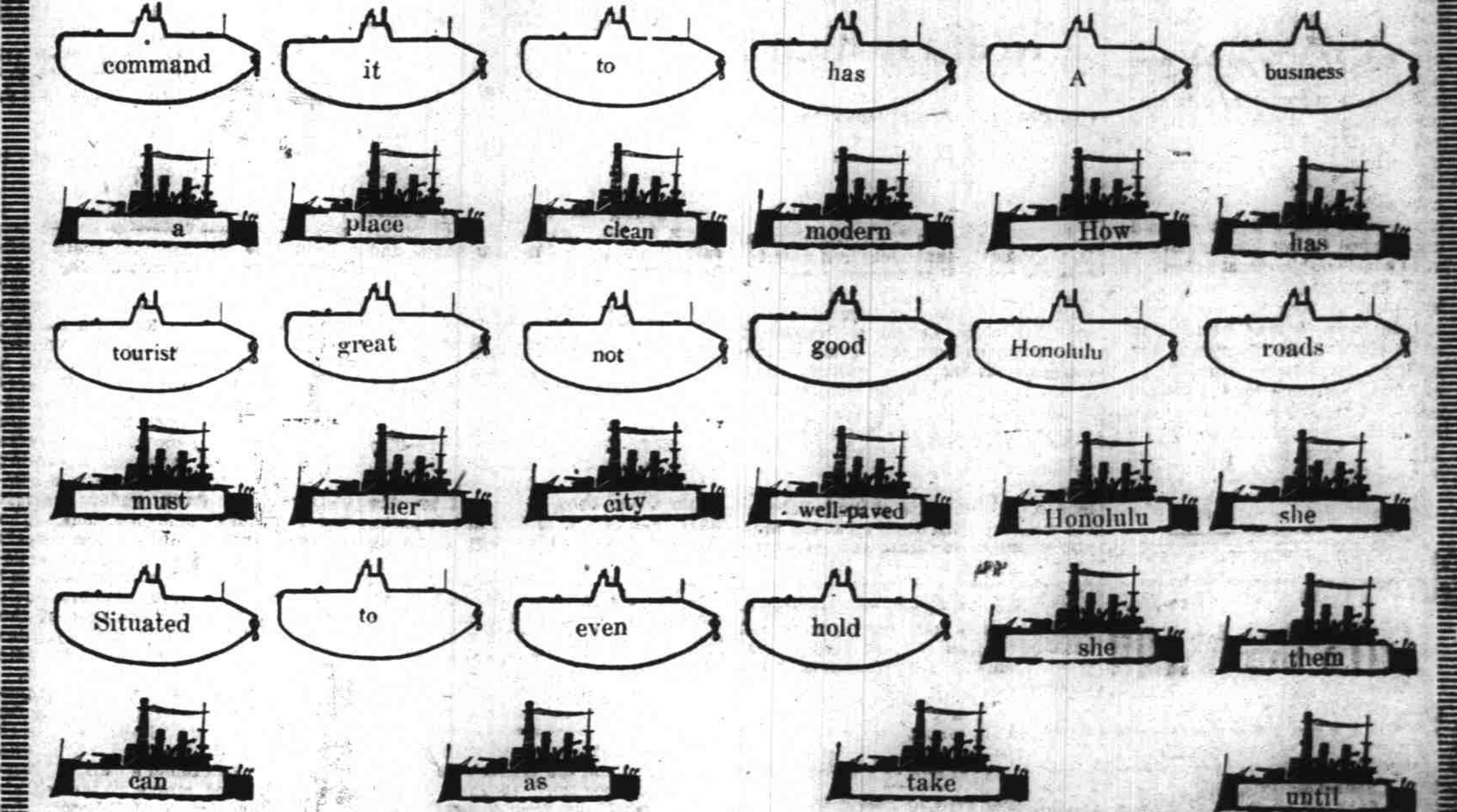
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